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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Specification

Please re-write the specification paragraphs as indicated below. A marked-up version of these paragraphs is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Please re-write the two paragraphs beginning on page 22, lines 24, as follows:

Figure 1A is a histogram of the expression of CD86 (Y-axis) by CD19+ cells following exposure of these cells to the oligonucleotides shown on the X-axis at a concentration of 0.15 µg/ml.

Figure 1B is a table with the data from Figure 1A.

Figure 1C is a histogram of the expression of CD86 (Y-axis) by CD19+ cells following exposure of these cells to the oligonucleotides shown on the X-axis at a concentration of 0.30 µg/ml.

Figure 1D is a table with the data from Figure 1C.

Please re-write the paragraph beginning on page 130, line 7, as follows:

To assess the ability of T-rich ODN to activate B cell proliferation, human PBMCs were stained with the cytoplasmic dye CFSE, incubated with five days with the indicated ODN at

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